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**Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work**

(Helena) --- Thursday, April 26 marks the fifth celebration of Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work and the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Take Our Daughters, a national effort to show our children what parents do at work, create better integration of work-family responsibilities, and demonstrate the relevance of our children's education as they envision their own career and future.

"Imagine a day that allows you to connect what our children are learning in school with the real world," said Governor Brian Schweitzer. "Add lessons in self-discovery, self-esteem, critical thinking, mentoring and equality and we have the opportunity to *Revolutionize the Workplace* for future generations."

Together with the Interagency Committee for Change by Women (ICCW), Governor Schweitzer requested that members of the judicial, legislative and executive branch encourage state agency staff to bring their daughters and sons to work on April 26, 2007.

One such agency, the Department of Labor and Industry, will host approximately 20 cross agency youth participants, age eight to 18, on a guided tour of the State Capitol and Hall of Governors, a visit with the Lt. Governor, a self-guided tour of the Historical Society, and participate in a host of career exploration activities with intermittent guest speakers.

"By encouraging our nation's sons and daughters to join us at work we open up the door of possibilities for Montana's future workforce," said Labor Commissioner Keith Kelly.

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